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LETTER DATED 9 FEBRUARY 1999 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I. OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF YUGOSLAVIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

Upon the instructions of my Government, I am writing to inform you of the most recent ruthless attacks against innocent civilians in Kosovo and Metohija that have taken place in the last couple of days. The most drastic examples have been the killings of 17-year-old Sabahed Zeka and 20-year-old Xhemail Smaqi, whose bodies were found at the outskirts of Djakovica. In addition, three other bodies have been found in Kosovo and Metohija. These acts of violence have also been condemned by all participants in the talks at Rambouillet, France.

To the great regret of my Government, these acts demonstrate the opposition of terrorists to a peaceful solution for Kosovo and Metohija and their desire to undermine the talks at Rambouillet and prevent an agreement from being achieved through dialogue.

The Government of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia calls upon the Security Council once again to condemn terrorism, as well as the most recent terrorist acts against innocent civilians, and to support the efforts aimed at achieving a peaceful solution with respect for the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Republic of Serbia and the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia.

I would be very grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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